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In response to the Office Action (copy enclosed) dated August 22, 2000, respectfully submitted herewith is the signed and dated Combined Declaration of the inventor (2 pages) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.66 or 1.68 and 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by PCT International application no. and international filing date and with power of attorney.

Enclosed is check 13357 \$130.00 the surcharge fee for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the earliest priority filing date.

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An IDS, including an English version of the International Search Report, 2 PTO-1449 forms listing 6 references and 2 references discussed and disclosed in the specification were filed on August 4, 2000 to meet the duty of disclosure. The references cited in the International Search Report were acknowledged as received by the PTO.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any or additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 06-0105.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the accompanying Response to Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/ Elected Office (DO/EO/US), signed Combined Declaration (2 pages), and check 13357 \$130.00 surcharge are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 19, 2000.

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